To FCC Commissioners and Staff:

I write as a pioneer in development of responsible television to protest what Sinclair Broadcasting is trying to do by scheduling the anti-Kerry film just before the election.

This is exactly the kind of violation of a public trust the FCC was created to monitor and in cases of such extremes stop.

I was a television newsman in the Ed Murrow days, an early editor for TV Guide magazine, and I have a new book on a 30 year study of both the creative and financial management aspects of the television industry (Making It in the Dream Factory) coming out next year.

It is still in galleys. Please do not force me to have to include FCC inaction in relation to the Sinclair abuse of the supposedly free public air waves as one of the mounting case histories pointing to the increasing threat to democracy we face through irresponsible corporations.

This is not a matter of Republicans versus Democrats, or vice versa. This is a matter of upholding or degrading basic American values.